

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: A. Elamin
KOJI FUKUNAGA et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2116
Application No.: 09/025,133)	
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Filed: February 17, 1998)	
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For: DATA TRANSMISSION)	
APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND	:	
METHOD, AND IMAGE)	
PROCESSING APPARATUS	:	December 19, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to JP 8-70486, which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and of which a copy is attached.

This document was cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated December 1, 2006, is enclosed.

In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Inasmuch as this application has been allowed, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the requisite \$180.00 fee.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Expedited treatment of this IDS is respectfully requested, as the issue fee in this case is due February 14, 2007.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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